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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William H. Rehnquist
Chairman, Security Review Committee

SUBJECT : Safeguarding Official Information in the
Interest of the Defense of the United
States (Executive Order 10501, as
amended)

1. This memorandum is in response to your request that the Committee members consider new concepts and approaches for Section 1 of the proposed revision of Executive Order 10501.

2. The possible addition of the following to Section 1 is submitted for consideration. Such additions may somewhat enhance public acceptance of a revised Order and also comply with the wishes of the President to keep the public informed about the activities of the Government as well as protect certain official information against unauthorized disclosures:

Section 1 (a). "Officers possessing original TOP SECRET classification authority under the provisions of this Order shall be personally responsible for insuring that the TOP SECRET classification is utilized only in strict conformance with the provisions of this paragraph.

Section 1 (b). "Officers possessing original SECRET classification authority under the provisions of this Order shall be personally responsible for insuring that the SECRET classification is utilized only in strict conformance with the provisions of this paragraph. Any question as to whether information should be classified SECRET or

CONFIDENTIAL shall be resolved in favor of the lower classification. "

Section 1 (c). "Any question as to whether official information should be classified **CONFIDENTIAL** or be unclassified shall be resolved in favor of the latter. "



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